

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

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Secretary's Representatives;  
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Public Housing Directors;  
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Subject: Implementation of the Special Application Center (SAC)

Effective April 17, 1998, the Office of Public Housing implemented the first of several changes in our organization in response to the Secretary's 2020 initiative. The Office of Public Housing, Special Application Center (SAC) will be established at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, Room 2401.

The SAC will accept, review and approve all non-funded, non-competitive applications and plans for the following actions:

- demolition and disposition
- All homeownership
- mandatory conversions/202
- voluntary conversions/202
- eminent domain

Prior to the end of June, the SAC will also start accepting Designated Housing plans. A separate Notice will be issued at a later date with specific instructions dealing with the submission of Designated Housing plans.

Prior to establishment of the SAC, approvals for the above mentioned applications and plans were distributed between Headquarters, Field offices and for demolition/disposition applicants, four processing centers. In some cases, processing time was adversely affected by this approach.

Establishment of the SAC, will centralize and standardize the review and approval of applications and plans. It will also eliminate duplication and inconsistency in processing of applications.

The SAC staff will focus on developing ways to expedite processing of applications and plans. The SAC will also provide technical assistance and training to public housing authorities, residents and industry groups.

Effective April 17, 1998, please submit one original application for the functions noted above to the SAC, and one copy to your local HUD servicing office. This Notice supersedes all other direction provided by the Department on where to send these particular applications only, all other direction and guidance remains in effect.

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